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Youth City Council 'Mock' Meeting March 26th

The Broken Arrow Youth City Council will be holding its annual "mock" City Council meeting Monday, March 26th, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Youth Council began studying municipal government in Broken Arrow just after school started, with five senior members and five juniors — all selected by City Council members.

At-Large council member Wade McCaleb, who was instrumental in creating the YCC, works with city staff to create the agenda and recruits volunteers to play the roles of citizens.

The YCC will conclude its year with an official report to the City Council at an April meeting.

New Extended Hours at Nienhuis

With its week-long open house wrapped up, the Nienhuis Park Center will introduce extended hours for the spring and summer starting March 19th. The Community Center and new gymnasium will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

During Spring Break week (March 19-23), the gym will be available for open basketball and volleyball play. There is no admission charge for any of the programs, although a City of Broken Arrow ID card is necessary. The cards are available at the adjacent Community Center.

For more information, contact the Nienhuis Community Center at 355-0287 and visit www.brokenarrowok.gov for a complete list of programs offered through the Parks & Recreation Department.

Animal Shelter Adoption Photos On-line

The City of Broken Arrow Animal Shelter is once again providing on-line photos and information on the many dogs and cats available for adoption.

There is a link from the home page of the website (www.brokenarrowok.gov) to Adopt-A-Pet, with small photos of each animal. By clicking on any of the photos, you will see an enlarged photo and more information.

The Broken Arrow Animal Shelter is located at 3420 North 41st Street in Broken Arrow – approximately 1 ¼ mile east of County Line Road (193rd E. Ave.) on Omaha (51st Street). The Shelter is open to the public six days a week, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and is closed on Sundays and City holidays.

Nienhuis Park Hosts Jr. Olympics Skills Competition

Boys and girls ages 8 to 13 are invited to compete in the 2007 Jr. Olympics Skills Competition at Nienhuis Park Saturday, March 24th, starting at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration with a copy of a birth certificate is required, with forms available at the Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th.

The champion in each division of each age group will advance to the regional competition. Events include basketball (score as many points as possible from designated shooting areas); soccer (dribble, shoot and score in the fastest time possible); USTA Rapid Rally Tennis (serve and continue to hit a low-compression tennis ball against a wall as many times as possible); and Track and Field.

For more information, contact Ashley Steel, Nienhuis Park Center Supervisor, at 355-0287.